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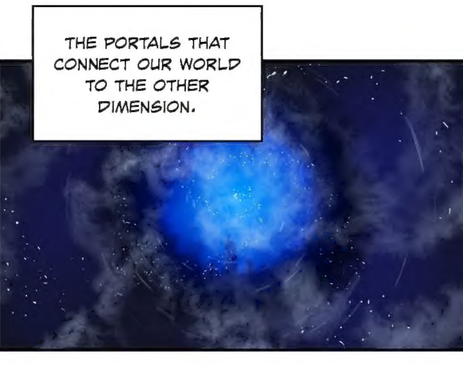
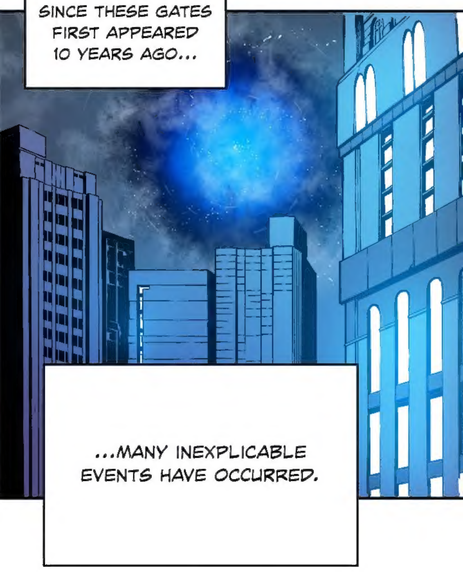




A GOOD EXAMPLE IS THE INTRODUCTION OF AWAKENED BEINGS CALLED HUNTERS.

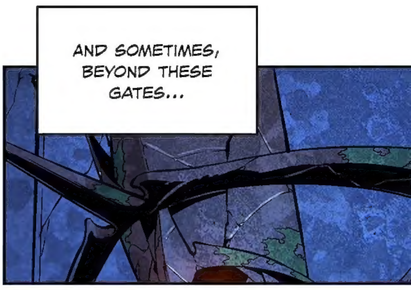
AWAKENED BEINGS ARE ENDOWED WITH PERMANENT POWERS UPON AWAKENING.

I, TOO, HAVE BEEN AWAKENED, BUT MY FEEBLE POWERS MAKE ME ***E-RANK.***

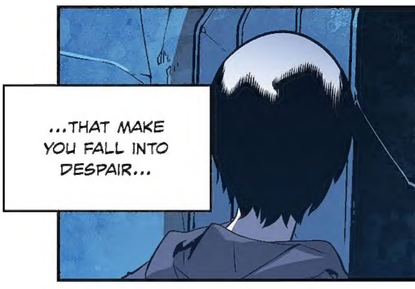
I'M SLIGHTLY STRONGER THAN THE AVERAGE PERSON, BUT DEFINITELY MUCH WEAKER THAN OTHER EXPERIENCED HUNTERS IN HIGHER RANKS.

AWAKENED BEINGS PASS THROUGH GATES INTO DUNGEONS TO FIGHT AGAINST MAGIC BEASTS.

THOSE WHO DO THIS FOR A LIVING ARE CALLED *HUNTERS.*


AND SOMETIMES, BEYOND THESE GATES...

...TERRIFYING MONSTERS...


...THAT MAKE YOU FALL INTO DESPAIR...

...APPEAR BEFORE YOU.

ARE YOU GOING TO BE OKAY? YOU HAVEN'T STOPPED BLEEDING YET.
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
DRIP
DRIP

I THOUGHT WE'D CLEAR THIS DUNGEON WITH EASE, WHICH IS WHY I ONLY BROUGHT THREE HEALERS, BUT...
HUFF
HUFF

...THERE'S NO TRACE LEFT OF THE ONE THAT WAS ATTACKED...

...ANOTHER ONE IS SITTING OVER THERE SCARED OUT OF HIS MIND...
HELP... HELP...

I WANT TO LIVE...

...AND EVEN A B-RANK HEALER LIKE JOOHEE'S PROBABLY NEVER EXPERIENCED SOMETHING LIKE THIS BEFORE... HAHA, SO IT'S GONNA BE HARD TO GET ANY HEALING.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

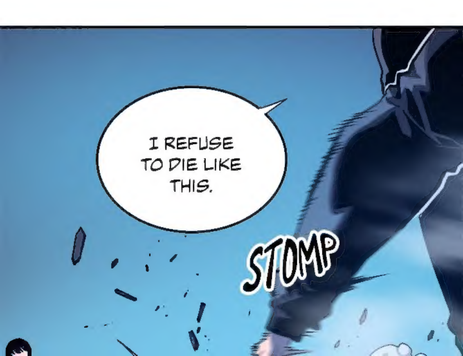
WE SHOULDN'T TRY TO DO ANYTHING AGAINST AN OPPONENT LIKE THAT.

ONCE THINGS HAVE SETTLED DOWN, LET'S JUST TRY TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE.
THOUGH IT WON'T BE EASY...

HNGHHH...

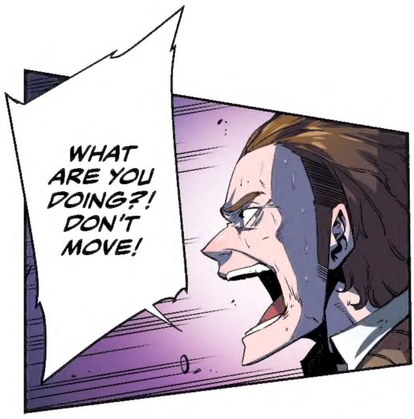
HOW DID WE END UP LIKE THIS...?
THIS IS JUST A D-RANK DUNGEON...

ACCORDING TO MR. SONG, WE'LL BE ATTACKED THE SECOND WE MOVE.
EVEN IF WE WERE TO GET LUCKY AND SOMEHOW MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO THE EXIT, THERE'S ANOTHER STATUE GUARDING THE DOORS...
...WHICH MEANS THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING US LEAVE IN THE FIRST PLACE!


I REFUSE TO DIE LIKE THIS.
STOMP

I JUST SIGNED WITH A MAJOR GUILD.
I CAN'T DIE HERE.

HUFF
HUFF

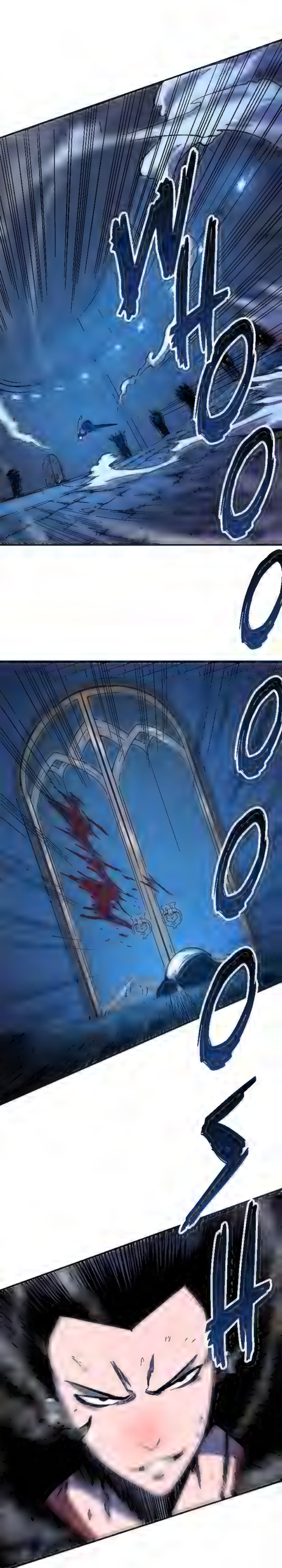

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! DON'T MOVE!

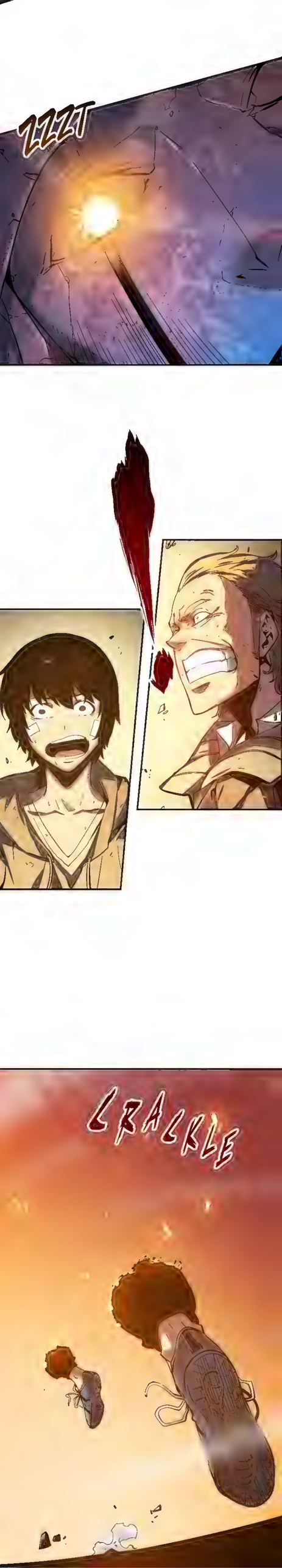
ALL RIGHT! I CAN DO THIS!

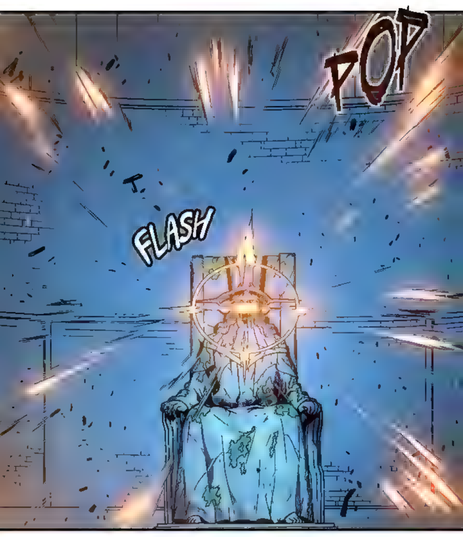
BULGE
BULGE
NO MATTER WHO I'M UP AGAINST, I'M CONFIDENT I CAN BE FASTER.

BULGE
I'LL BREAK THROUGH THE DOOR IN ONE GO!
BULGE

BOOM

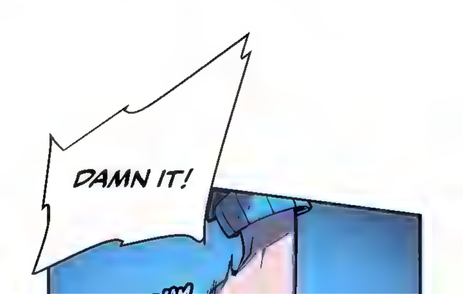

Whoo
Ooo
Sh


ZZZT
CRACKLE


POP
FLASH

THUD
THUD

KYAAAAA!!


DAMN IT!

WHAM!
DOES THIS MEAN THESE STATUES COULD ANNIHILATE US AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT IF THEY WANTED TO?
IT'LL BE EASIER THAN SQUASHING A BUG, THAT'S FOR SURE.
THEY COULD KILL US ALL RIGHT NOW...
...SO WHY HAVEN'T THEY?
GOOD QUESTION...
THEY HAVE THE POWER TO KILL US, YET THEY HAVEN'T.

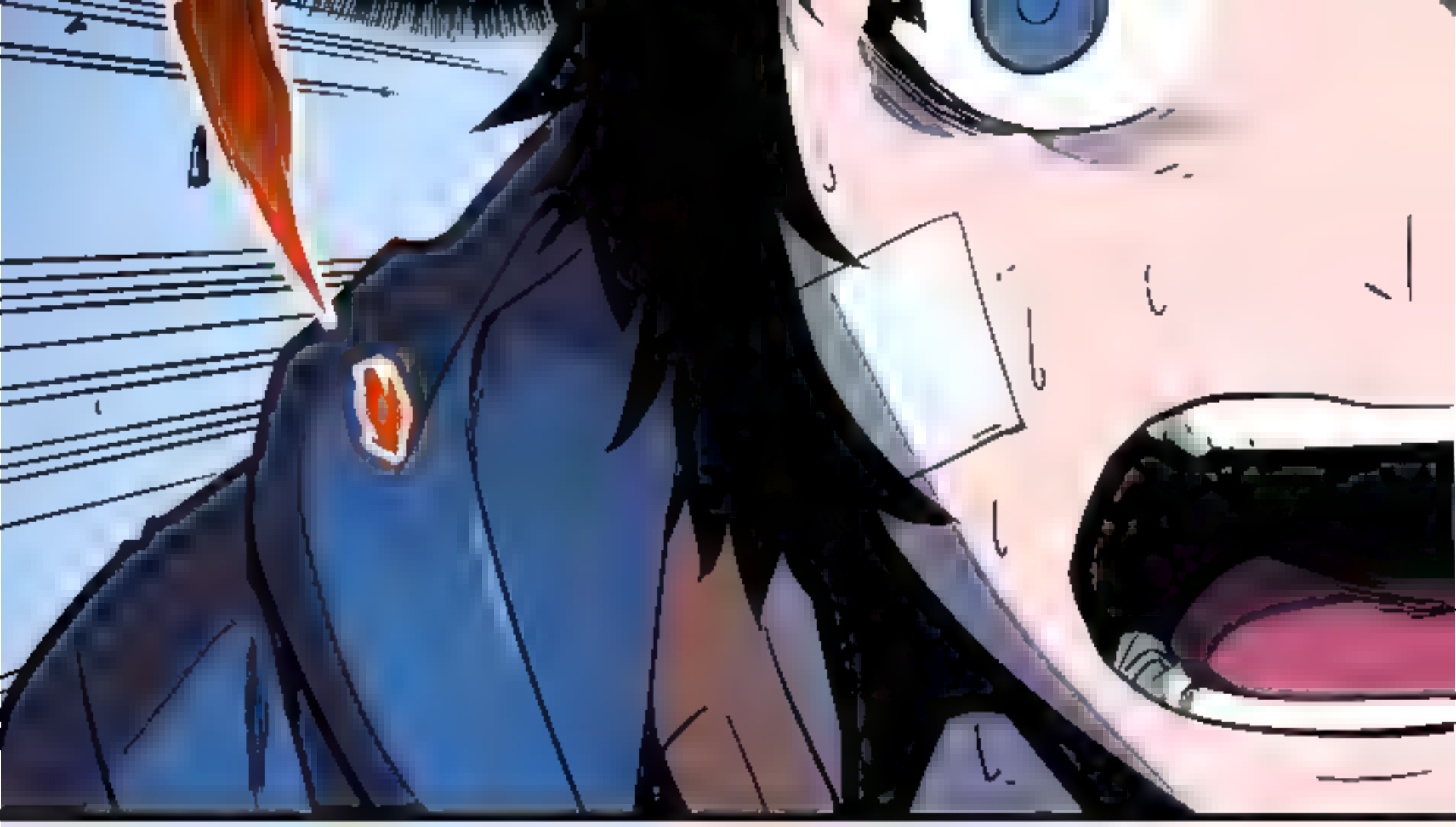
THEY'RE DIFFERENT FROM THE MAGIC BEASTS THAT ATTACK THE SECOND THEY SET THEIR SIGHTS ON A HUNTER.

A GUARD THAT ATTACKS WHEN YOU APPROACH THE DOORS.
A GODLIKE STATUE THAT SHOOTS LIGHT BEAMS IF YOU MOVE.
THEIR ATTACKS ARE BASED ON A SET OF RULES!
RULES?
COULD IT BE THAT...

...THIS ROOM HAS CERTAIN RULES?!

THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE CARTENON TEMPLE!

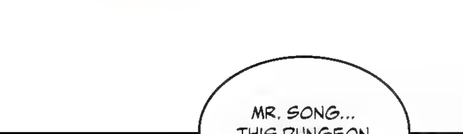
YES! THAT'S IT!!



MR. SONG! WHAT WAS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT AGAIN?
COMMANDMENT?

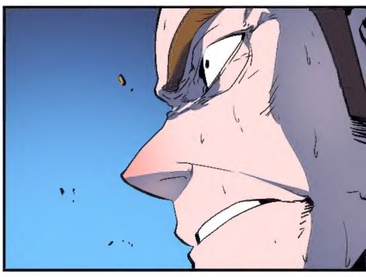
I THINK THE FIRST ONE WAS...
..."THOU SHALL WORSHIP GOD."

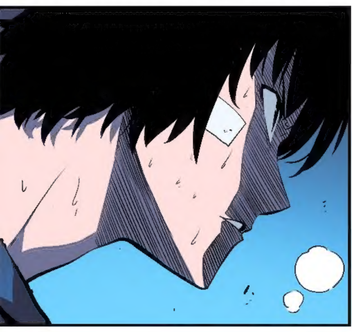
GOD...


MR. SONG...

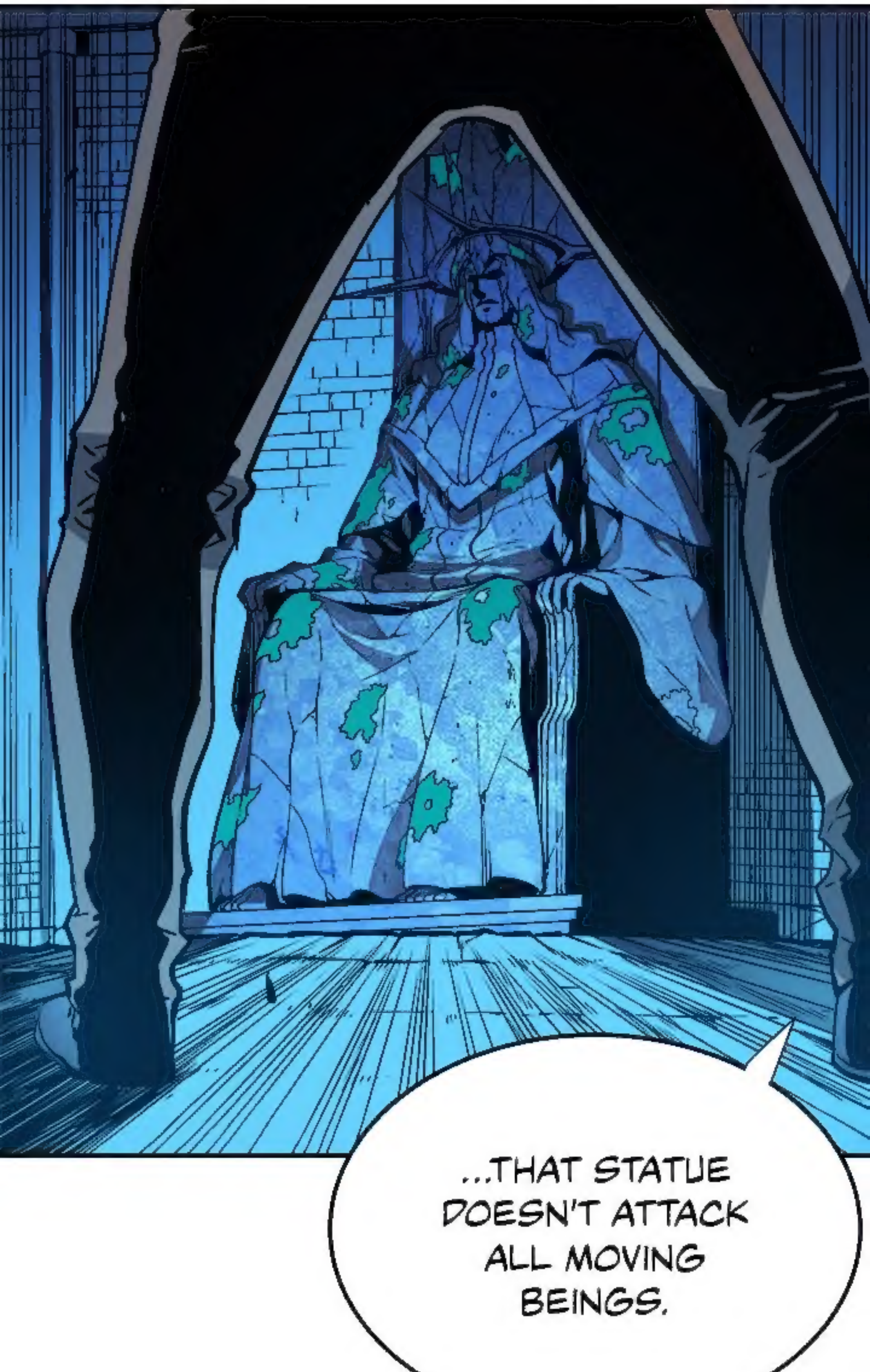
THIS DUNGEON HAS RULES.
RISE
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

IF WHAT I'M THINKING IS TRUE...
ARE YOU CRAZY?!





YOUR EYES TELL ME YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON HOPE YET.


...THAT STATUE DOESN'T ATTACK ALL MOVING BEINGS.

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